

SENATE BILL 2878  
By Herron

AN ACT to name a segment of Interstate Highway 40 in Henderson County in honor of the late Lofton Eugene Gateley.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Lofton Eugene Gateley was a valuable employee of the Tennessee Department of Transportation who had earned the respect and admiration of his fellow workers and supervisors alike for his superior job performance and his dedication to his duties; and

WHEREAS, while working on Interstate Highway 40 in 1970, Mr. Gateley tragically lost his life in a construction accident; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gateley began his brilliant career in public service by courageously serving in the military during World War II, in which he was wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gateley gave his life in service of creating and maintaining a comprehensive and efficient system of highways in Tennessee, and it is thus appropriate that a certain segment of Interstate Highway 40 in his home county of Henderson be named in his honor; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, that the three (3) mile segment of Interstate Highway 40 in Henderson County from mile marker 111 to mile marker

114 is hereby designated the "Lofton Eugene Gateley Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a dedicated state employee who lost his life in the line of duty.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers, both eastbound and westbound, designating such three (3) mile segment of Interstate Highway 40 in Henderson County as the "Lofton Eugene Gateley Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from nonstate funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in nonstate funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.